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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Examination of Rodents for Plague Infection.

The following information is taken from bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

Month of May, 1910. Rodents destroyed, 5,730. Rodents examined, 1,944. No plague infection found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909. The last plague-infected rodent was found April 25, 1910.

BARBADOS.

BRIDGETOWN—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Le Sueur reports, June 25:

Week ended June 25. Bills of health issued to 5 vessels, of which 1 was fumigated. They carried an aggregate of 322 in crews and 173 passengers. Sanitary condition of vessels, cargoes, crews, and passengers good.

CHINA.

HONGKONG—Inspection of Vessels—Plague and Smallpox.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Foster reports, May 23 and 31:

Week ended May 21. Quarantine restrictions enforced by and against Hongkong remain as reported May 14. Week ended May 28. Restrictions enforced against Hongkong remain as reported May 21. The port of Swatow is declared cholera-infected, and medical inspection and discretionary quarantine are ordered at Hongkong.

During the week ended May 21, 1 case of smallpox was reported, and during the week ended May 28, 2 cases of plague with 2 deaths.

INSPECTION AND DISINFECTION OF VESSELS.

Week ended May 21.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	11
Total members of crews.....	1,030
Total cabin passengers.....	280
Total steerage passengers.....	992
Members of crews bathed.....	743
Passengers bathed.....	999
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	1,782
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde.....	9
By sulphur.....	0

Week ended May 28.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	7
Total members of crews.....	609
Total cabin passengers.....	226
Total steerage passengers.....	228
Members of crews bathed.....	483
Passengers bathed.....	179
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	662
Vessels disinfected to kill rats.....	0
Crews' quarters disinfected:	
By formaldehyde.....	6
By sulphur.....	0

SHANGHAI—Inspection of Vessels—Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, June 7:

Week ended June 4.

Vessels granted bills of health.....	6
Members of crews.....	444
Steerage passengers.....	178
Cabin passengers.....	111
Members of crews bathed and effects disinfected.....	65
Steerage passengers bathed and effects disinfected.....	6
Pieces of baggage disinfected.....	126
Pieces of freight disinfected.....	186
Vessels partially disinfected.....	2
Packages of freight viséed.....	6, 956

The weekly report of the municipal health officer shows 1 new case of smallpox among foreigners and 8 deaths from smallpox among natives.

Reports from Hankau show for the week ended May 21, 1 case of typhus fever and 1 of plague, and for the week ended May 28, 2 cases of typhus fever and 1 case of plague with 1 death.

CUBA.**CIENFUEGOS—Inspection of Vessels.**

Acting Assistant Surgeon Suarez reports, June 29:

Week ended June 25. Bill of health issued to 1 vessel. No quarantinable disease reported.

HABANA—Inspection of Vessels—Leprosy in the Island.

Passed Assistant Surgeon de Valin reports, June 28:

Week ended June 25. Bills of health issued, 26. Vessels inspected and passed, 19. Members of crews of outgoing vessels inspected, 777. Passengers of outgoing vessels inspected, 575. No quarantinable diseases reported.

The department of sanitation reports 5 cases of leprosy with 1 death and 340 cases remaining in the island of Cuba for the period from June 1 to 10, 1910.

ECUADOR.**GUAYAQUIL—Plague and Yellow Fever—Inspection of Vessels.**

Passed Assistant Surgeon Parker reports, June 8:

During the month of May 5 sporadic cases of plague with 5 deaths were reported, and 37 cases of yellow fever with 14 deaths.

Week ended May 28. Bills of health issued, 1. Vessels fumigated, 1. Members of crews inspected, 53. Cabin passengers inspected, 18.